

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 12-2039 (GAG)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,
et al.,**

Defendants.

ORDER

As directed by the Court, on April 17, 2019, the parties submitted a joint proposed budget for the Federal Monitor's Office (JCC), for the fiscal year 2019-2020 (Docket No.2439). The same has been approved by the Court. (Docket No. 2441). Although the Court understands that the Federal Monitor's Office in the future needs more ample resources (as provided in the original Budget Order at Docket No. 2400), it nonetheless commends the parties and JCC for their effort in reaching a consensus regarding this matter. This is a very significant step in the right direction.

It is important to note that the principal role of the JCC's Office is, but is not limited to, reporting and monitoring the Commonwealth's compliance with the mandates of the JCAP and corresponding Court orders. The JCC's role encompasses all matters that may affect directly or indirectly the JCAP, including budgetary matters. The JCC's role has expanded with the consent of the parties over the past several years, and the joint motion filed by the parties (Docket No. 2439) contains language that pertains to aspirational matters to obtain a consensus.

